

Exhibit A



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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re:

PG&E CORPORATION

-and-

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY,**

Debtors.

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation
- ☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- ☒ Affects both Debtors

**All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case,
No. 19-30088 (DM)*

Bankruptcy Case
No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11
(Lead Case)
(Jointly Administered)

**ORDER APPROVING THE
APPLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF TORT CLAIMANTS
PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 1103 AND
FED. R. BANKR. P. 2014 AND 5002 TO
RETAIN AND EMPLOY
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS, INC.
AS A FINANCIAL ADVISOR
EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 20, 2019**

1 Upon the Application, dated April 15, 2019, (the “**Application**”)¹, of the Official
2 Committee of Tort Claimants (the “**Committee**”) of PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and
3 Electric Company (collectively the “**Debtors**”) for an order authorizing the Committee to retain
4 and employ Development Specialists, Inc. (“**DSI**”) as financial advisor to the Committee, effective
5 as of March 20, 2019, pursuant to section 1103(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the
6 “**Bankruptcy Code**”), and Rules 2014 and 5002 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure
7 (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the
8 engagement letter between the Committee and DSI dated March 20, 2019 (the “**Engagement**
9 **Letter**”) attached to the Application as **Exhibit B**, and the Supplement to the Applications of the
10 Official Committee of Tort Claimants to Retain and Employ Lincoln Partners Advisors LLC and
11 Development Specialists, Inc. as its Financial Advisors, dated May 3, 2019, (the “**Supplement**”),
12 and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein
13 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, *Order Referring Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings to*
14 *Bankruptcy Judges*, General Order 24 (N.D. Cal.), and Rule 5011-1(a) of the Bankruptcy Local
15 Rules for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the “**Bankruptcy**
16 **Local Rules**”); and consideration of the Application and the requested relief being a core
17 proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to
18 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court having found and determined that notice of the
19 Application as provided to the parties listed therein is reasonable and sufficient, and it appearing
20 that no other or further notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Application
21 and the Sharp Declaration; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Application is in the
22 best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, shareholders, and all parties in interest; and
23 upon all of the proceedings had before this Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause
24 appearing therefor,

25 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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27 ¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise herein defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the
28 Application.

1 1. The Application is approved solely to the extent set forth herein.

2 2. The Committee is authorized, pursuant to section 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code and
3 Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 5002, to engage DSI as its financial advisor in these Cases, effective
4 as of March 20, 2019. The terms of DSI's engagement, with the exception of DSI's compensation
5 and reimbursement of expenses, will be pursuant to the terms of the Engagement Letter, which
6 scope shall be amended as reflected in the Supplement.

7 3. DSI shall be compensated for fees and reimbursed for reasonable and necessary
8 expenses and shall file monthly fee statements and interim and final fee applications for the
9 allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in
10 accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the
11 Bankruptcy Local Rules, the order entered by this Court on February 28, 2019 establishing the
12 procedures for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses of professionals [Doc. No.
13 701], the *United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of California Guidelines for*
14 *Compensation and Expense Reimbursement of Professionals and Trustees*, effective February 19,
15 2014, and the *U.S. Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and*
16 *Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11*
17 *Cases*, effective November 1, 2013, and any other order of the Court.

18 4. In connection with any increases in DSI's rates, as set forth in paragraph 19 of the
19 Application, DSI shall file a supplemental declaration with this Court and provide ten [10] business
20 days' notice to the United States Trustee and the Debtors prior to filing a fee statement or fee
21 application reflecting an increase in such rates. The supplemental declaration shall set forth the
22 requested rate increases, explain the basis for the requested rate increases in accordance with
23 section 330(a)(3)(F) of the Bankruptcy Code and certify that the Committee has consented to the
24 requested rate increases. The United States Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase
25 on all grounds including, but not limited to, the reasonableness standard provided for in section
26 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and all rates and rate increases are subject to review by the Court.

27 5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Office of the United States
28 Trustee shall have the right to object to DSI's interim and final fee applications (including expense

1 reimbursement) on all grounds, including the reasonableness standard provided in section 330 of
2 the Bankruptcy Code.

3 6. To the extent that there may be any inconsistency between the terms of the
4 Application, the Engagement Letter and this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

5 7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application, any of its attachments,
6 or the Engagement Letter, DSI shall not seek reimbursement of any fees or costs arising from the
7 defense of any of DSI's monthly fee statements or fee applications in these Cases. Approval of
8 the Application and any terms of the Engagement Agreement shall not alter the result dictated by
9 the holding in Baker Botts L.L.P. v. ASARCO LLC, 135 S. Ct. 2158, 2169 (2015) and its
10 construction of 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1).

11 8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application, any of its attachments,
12 or the Engagement Letter, DSI's allowed compensation, including expense reimbursement and
13 indemnification, shall have the same priority as the allowed professional fees and expenses of other
14 professionals retained in the Cases.

15 9. The relief granted herein shall be binding upon any chapter 11 trustee appointed in
16 the Cases, or upon any chapter 7 trustee appointed in the event of a subsequent conversion of the
17 Cases to cases under chapter 7.

18 10. The Committee is authorized to take all steps necessary or appropriate to carry out
19 this Order.

20 11. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from
21 or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order. For the avoidance
22 of doubt, notwithstanding any provision in the Engagement Letter to the contrary, during the
23 pendency of these Cases, this Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the approval of fees due
24 and owing to DSI for this retention.

25 ** END OF ORDER **
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